ORIGIN/ACTION

EA-8

RM/R	REP	AF
1		
ARA	EUR 5	FE
NEA	CU	INR 5
E	P	IO
L	FBO	AID 12
S/S 10	PM 2	S/PRS 1
AGR	COM	FRB
INT	LAB	TAR
TR	XMB	AIR 5
ARMY 3	CIA 16	NAVY 5
OSD 34	USIA 10	NSA 3
ISC 6	VTC 1	

(18)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AIRGRAM

(1393) POL 14 VIETS

FOR RM USE ONLY

A-36 NO. | LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

INFO : BANGKOK, CINCPAC FOR POLAD, DANANG, PARIS FOR VN DELEGATION (2), VIENTIANE

RECEIVED 1970 FEB 4 PM 3:36 DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

FROM : Amembassy SAIGON DATE: January 28, 1970

SUBJECT : Newspapers Support President Thieu's Electoral Reform Measure

REF :

Reaction in the Saigon press to President Thieu's January 26 proposal for a new electoral system has been intensive and highly favorable. The reform, if approved by the National Assembly, would involve run-off elections between the two slates receiving the most votes when no slate has gained an absolute majority.

Of note is the common interpretation by all press commentators that the proposed reform will apply only to the case of a Presidential election. Editorialists comment that the National Assembly thus will have at least a full year to debate details of the new electoral procedure before the 1971 Presidential election takes place.

BUNKER

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY Joan Joel DATE 1/22/82
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☑
RELEASE DENIED ☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

Action Assigned to VN

Action Taken Noted

Date of Action 2/24/70

Action Office Symbol EA/VN

Name of Officer Teare

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

FORM DS-323 4-62

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY ☑ In ☐ Out

Drafted by: POL:RSPace:sh

Contents and Classification Approved by: POL:MFHerz

Clearances: POL:MHLevine

CLASSIFICATION